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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/809,685; Filed: March 26, 2004  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Maintaining Synchronization in a Communication System**  
Inventors: KOLZE *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.4070001

Sir:

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1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$180.00 to cover:  
\$ 180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p);
2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing seven (7) documents (US1-US7);
4. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing three (3) documents (NPL1-NPL3); and
5. Copies of cited documents (NPL1-NPL3).

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6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

7. Copies of documents NPL1-NPL3 are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached IDS Forms are submitted.
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9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application no(s). \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed IDS Forms, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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